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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2008

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Within this section of the East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District of Cameron Parish, Louisiana's (District) annual financial report, the District's management is pleased to provide this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$2,007,336(net assets) for the fiscal year reported.
- Total revenues of \$13,137 exceeded total expenses of \$17,585, which resulted in a current year loss of \$4,448, comparable to prior year's surplus of \$32,777.
- Total net assets are comprised of the following:
 - (1) Capital assets, net of related debt, of \$1,000,000 include property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation. There is no outstanding debt related to the purchase or construction of capital assets.
 - (2) Unrestricted net assets of \$1,007,336 represent the portion available to maintain the District's continuing obligations to taxpayers and creditors.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of this document.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis document introduces the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The District also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements. Comparative data is presented when available.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Assets*. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other nonfinancial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base, or the condition of District infrastructure in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities*, which reports how the District's net assets changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the District's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the District's taxpayers.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds rather than the District as a whole.

The District has one kind of fund:

Governmental fund is reported in the fund financial statements and encompass the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the District's governmental fund. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Over time, as year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the District as a whole.

The District's net assets at fiscal year-end are \$2,007,336. The following table provides a summary of the District's net assets:

Anasta	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets: Current assets Capital assets, net Total assets	\$ 1,018,336 <u>1,000,000</u> 2,018,336	\$ 1,011,784
Liabilities: Current liabilities	11,000	
Net assets: Investment in capital assets Unrestricted Total net assets	1,000,000 1,007,336 \$ 2,007,336	1,000,000 _1,011,784 \$_2,011,784

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Net assets decreased by \$4,448 for the current year. Note that approximately 50% (50% for 2007) of the net assets are tied up in capital. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its taxpayers.

The following table provides a summary of the District's changes in net assets:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Revenues	\$ 13,137	\$ 41,558	
Expenses	<u> 17,585</u>	<u>8,781</u>	
Change in Net Assets	(4,448)	32,777	
Beginning Net Assets	<u>2,011,784</u>	1,979,007	
Ending Net Assets	\$ 2,007,336	\$ 2,011,784	

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets

The District's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2008, was \$1,000,000. See Note B for additional information about changes in capital assets during the fiscal year and outstanding at the end of the year. The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity.

Non depresiable aggets:	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Non-depreciable assets: Land	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	\$ 1,000,000
Book value-all assets	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

Long-term debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the District had no debt.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the District's commitment to public accountability. If you have any questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact the District's Bookkeeper, Darrell Williams, P.O. Box 366, Cameron, LA 70631.



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June 22, 2009

Board of Commissioners East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District Cameron, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District of Cameron Parish, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Policy Jury, as of December 31, 2008 and for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cameron, Louisiana

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008

ASSETS Cash	\$ 1,018,336
Capital assets: Land Total assets	
LIABILITIES	11,000
NET ASSETS Invested in capital assets Unrestricted Total net assets	1,000,000 <u>1,007,336</u> \$_2,007,336

The accompanying notes and accountants' report are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2008

Governmental <u>Activities</u>	\$ (17,585)	13,137 13,137 (4,448)	2,011,784	\$ 2,007,336
Operating Grants and Contributions	, С	l Revenues: est tal General Revenues in Net Assets	ets, beginning	Net Assets, ending
Charges for Services	1 69	General Inter To Change	Net Ass	Net Ass
Expenses	\$ 17,585			
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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund

December 31, 2008

ASSETS Cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,0</u>	01 <u>8,336</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities	\$		11,000
Fund Equity Fund balance – unreserved and undesignated TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u></u>		007 <u>,336</u> 018,336

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Cameron, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund to the Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008

Total fund balance for governmental fund at December 31, 2008

\$ 1,007,336

Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:
Land

1,000,000

Total net assets of governmental activities at December 31, 2008

\$ 2,007,336

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Cameron, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2008

REVENUES		
Interest	\$	13,137
EXPENDITURES		
General Government		
Bank Charges		121
Bookkeeping		1,800
Insurance		4,664
Professional fees		11,000
Capital outlay		_
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		17,585
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES		
OVER EXPENDITURES		(4,448)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,()11 <u>,</u> 784
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,0</u>	007,336

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2008

Total net changes in fund balance at December 31, 2008 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$	(4,448)
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because: Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2008	\$ - 	_
Total changes in net assets at December 31, 2008 per Statement of Activities	\$_	(4,448)

The accompanying notes and accountants' report are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District was created under Louisiana Revised Statue 34:2501. The District has all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to corporations in Louisiana. The District is governed by a five-member board of commissioners who are appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury and who serve without compensation. The board of commissioners has the power to regulate the commerce and traffic of the District in such a manner as will be in the best interest of the state

1. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District of Cameron Parish, Louisiana includes all funds, account groups, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

As the governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Cameron Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Cameron Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- CONTINUED

The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
 - a. The ability of the Cameron Parish Police Jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the Cameron Parish Police Jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Cameron Parish Police Jury.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements could be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature of significance of the relationship.

Based upon the application of these criteria, East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District of Cameron Parish, Louisiana is a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury's reporting entity.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments", issued in June 1999.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the District; and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The District has one fund, the General Fund, which is therefore considered its major fund.

3. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net assets and the statement of activities, the activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net assets and statement of activities, the activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

4. Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and time deposits with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2008, the District had \$1,018,336 in deposits (collected bank balances), of which \$250,000 is secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and \$768,336 is secured by pledge securities.

Budget Practices

Louisiana law exempts all special Districts created before December 31, 1974, from the requirements of the Local Government Budget Act. East Cameron Port, Harbor and Terminal District was created in 1962 and, accordingly, is exempt from the budgetary requirements. Management has determined that, due to the amount and nature of the expenditures, the adoption of a budget is not required for control purposes. Accordingly, the District did not adopt a budget for the year ended December 31, 2008; therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a comparison of revenues and expenditures to budget.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

The only fixed asset of the District, a 3.7-mile channel, is valued at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on this general fixed asset.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

7. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

8. Equity Classification

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

NOTE B - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2008 follows:

	Beginning <u>Of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Deletions	End of <u>Year</u>
Governmental activities:	# 4 959 930	m	٨	A 4 000 000
Land	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

Cameron, Louisiana

Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2008

NOTE C - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE D - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The District has been named in a lawsuit, along with the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2008, the Cameron Parish District Attorney's Office is defending the East Cameron Port in this claim. There has been no action on this litigation in years, therefore the District Attorney did not comment on it in the Cameron Parish Police Jury's audit.

Cameron, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended December 31, 2008

1. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide

Finding 2008 - 01:

Reporting

Condition: The District failed to comply with LSA-RS 33:463. The annual financial statements were not filed with the Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the fiscal year.

Effect: Violation of Louisiana Revised Statue 33:463

Cause: In September 2008, Hurricane Ike struck Southwest Louisiana causing damage to the District's property and its infrastructure. The District and its management have been overwhelmed in dealing with the cleanup of the damage, overseeing the resuming of services and the related administration of the District. Due to these reasons, the compiling of financial information and the submission of the annual financial statements have taken longer than normal and certainly beyond the required six month time frame.

Corrective Action Planned/Management Response: The District is aware of the timeframe required by LSA-RS 33:463. This year's noncompliance is an isolated instance due to unforeseen circumstances. The District will take steps to ensure future compliance and timely submission of annual financing statements.